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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 3RD, 1908

PROBABLY the last place where we should

look for a panegyric of our old friend the

China pony would be in the Homeric tale

of the Siege of Troy; yet there is very little

doubt that the horses of the Thracian king

Hesos, whom old Homer in the tenth book

of his Iliad describes as the "handsomest

and biggest" that he had ever seen, were

really and veritably nothing else than the

sometime despised, and to our modern eye

ugly Mongolian pony, who for the last half

century has been winning, or losing our

money on the racecourses of modern China.

Of course Homer spoke comparatively when

he called the China pony handsome, but

probably he was not so far out in his

description as we might suppose. The

horse as we know him to-day, was in

Homeric times of but recent introduction in

the Mediterranean region. It was not till

the beginning of the "New" Empire, about

sixteen centuries B.C. that we find the

"horse and his chariot" naturalized in

Egypt, the highest equine type previously

having been the ass; and the horse came in with the primitive Arab hordes who, under the name of Hyksos, for centuries overran Egypt and destroyed the old civilization. The Mediterranean horse of Homer's day can have been hardly larger than our modern Shetland pony, who by the time of Herodotus had been driven to the wild regions north of the Danube, where he describes them as long-haired, small, flat-faced, and unable to carry men. In fact nowhere in those early days do we hear of thousands of horses as having been ridden, but always as yoked to carriages, and not unlikely the first reason for this fact was their small size.

These horses of Rhodes then struck the herd naturally as something larger and finer than he had ever seen, and it is interesting to look into their other characteristics. "They were whiter than snow," he tells us, "and like to the winds for speed," and the frames attached to them, for chariots as yet were not, were ornamented with silver and gold, while the king himself had harness of gold, "a wonder to see."

The story of these Thracians is not less interesting. They had lately come to help king Priam in his defense of Troy. Dolon, a Trojan youth, had been sent as a spy to report on the doings of the Greeks, and the number of their ships, and had been noticed by some of the enemy, who however, decided to let him go on, while they laid a trap to catch him returning; under evasive promises of safety they contrived to pump him, and get out information regarding the late arrivals, when regardless of his word, Diomedes rushed at him and killed him. The "Thracians" had, he learned, but recently arrived; they had come from a great distance, further than any of the others, and were under command of king Horsa, son of Eioneus (Hloni), and were at the time resting themselves after the fatigues of the march. Amongst the old Greeks Thrace had a very indefinite meaning; it lay north of Thessaly, but how far it extended they knew not. Literally it was at the back of Beyond, and like that equally indefinite country was the natural home of wonders, so we need not be surprised that from such a region should have come these snow-white steeds. Now not many months ago (Daily Press, May 07) we showed how these snow-white horses were actually as late as the 4th century B.C. still living on the banks of the Danube, and that in all respects they answered perfectly to the Mongol pony of half a century ago. But more; in this same country, where these white horses ran wild, lived men whom the Greeks called Agathys, and these Agathys we have the authority of Herodotus for stating, were "most luxurious folk, and wear a profusion of gold." Having got rid of Dolon, the Greeks proceeded to attack these Thracians of whom whereabouts he had informed them. They found them, "sleeping, overcome with fatigue; and their armour lay about on the ground, carefully piled in order in three lines. By each man was a yoke of horses, and in the midst slept Horsa, his swift horses tied by the reins to the outer rim of the carriage." The Greeks, finding them at their mercy did not hesitate to attack the sleeping enemy, and had already killed twelve of them, while Ulysses, eager for plunder, drove off the horses towards the ships. The rout, however, awoke the rest of the sleepers, and the Greeks, in their turn taken by surprise, and thinking discretion the better policy, rushed to their lives back. Here they met Nestor, who seeing the steeds, and full of admiration at their beauty, thus addressed the band: "Tell me, most excellent Ulysses, how in the name of fortune you got hold of these horses? They're just like the rays of the sun, and old a soldier as I am, I never yet saw such lovely steeds. Surely some of the gods must have sent them!"

As we mentioned in our former notice the China pony, insignificant as he seems in our time, really had his days of glory when he seemed to the old Greeks a meet gift for the gods. Homer's episode recalls the fact that even in his days, about 800 B.C., the horse, which we are accustomed to look upon as contemporary with man, had not yet reached the Mediterranean regions, and that the animal with which we are accustomed to connect the wars of the ancient Greeks was little more than a diminutive Shetland, too small in those days to be ridden. The other animal, whose arrival was a revelation to the Greeks, and a model of all that a horse should be, was such a thick set, shuffling animal as was the Mongol pony of fifty years ago, before the treachery of the Chinese had rendered it necessary to send out the Indian cavalry to chastise the ill faith of the Taku Forts.

But his history goes back still further to the time when he wandered over the half frozen steppes of eastern Europe, and was hunted for his flesh by the paleolithic

TELEGRAMS.

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OBITUARY.

LONDON, March 2nd.

The Marquess of Linlithgow is dead, aged 48 years.

[John Adrian Louis Hope, 1st marquess of Linlithgow, was head of an illustrious Scottish House, being the eldest son of the 6th Earl of Hopetoun, and had a notable career, being at various periods Whip in House of Lords, a Lord in Waiting, Lord High Commissioner to General Assembly Church of Scotland Governor of Victoria (1889-95) Paymaster General, Lord Chamberlain of H.M. Household, President Institution of Naval Architects, Governor-General Australian Commonwealth (1900-03) and Secretary of State for Scotland since 1903. He owned about 42,600 acres. His Lordship would find on the file an affidavit by Mr. Dixon of Messrs Hastings and Hastings in which he annexed the deposition that Hung Kwo Leung had adopted the name of Joseph Overbeck Anderson.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., moved

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The Chief Justice said the papers were in

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Mr. Anderson thanked his Lordship for his

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SUPREME COURT.

Monday, 2nd March.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (Sir F. Pigott).

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IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE FULL COURT.

LAT CHI CHIN AGAIN.

In the action Leung Shun Hing and Wang

Tsoi against the Tak Lee Loong firm it was

decided by the Puens Judge that Lai Chi

Chin was a partner in the latter firm. Lai Chi

Chin appealed against that decision and the

opinion came before the Full Court which

ordered a rehearing. The case was now heard

de novo. The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., in-

structed by Mr. F. X. Almada e Castro,

appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. M. Slade,

instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton, of

Macclesfield and Hett, appeared for the

appellant.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock stated that when the

action was recently before the Full Court

his friend said he was prepared to bring

forward fresh evidence, and their Lordships

directed a re-hearing of the issue to be taken

LOCAL SPORT.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The eleventh Club race was sailed yesterday in a fresh north-easterly wind which, near the Lysemon Pan, fell to light airs, and resulted in perhaps the best racing of the season. The course was round the Lysemon Beacon, Kowloon Rocks, Meyers East Buoy, Lysemon Beacon, and Kowloon Rocks, all to port—144 miles. In the championship class "Dione" (Hon. Mr. F. H. May) and "Vernon" (Mr. H. P. Tooker) allowed "Ailsa" (Hon. Mr. H. Keswick) in 2nd. The starters' watch stopped after the firing of the first gun and the yachts were waiting to see what was going to be done when the starting gun went some 30 seconds late. "Dione" burst her main sheet in the line and lost considerably while getting the sheet rove again. She succeeded however in catching her opponent off North Point, having steered a more southerly course. Soon afterwards "Ailsa," sailing remarkably well in the able hands of Mr. A. Denison, took command, fairly outsailing her competitors in the smart breeze. She was first round the beacon, with "Dione" and "Vernon" close-up. On the run to Kowloon Rocks "Vernon" passed both the others and increased her lead by the time Meyers Buoy was reached. The order here was "Vernon," "Dione," "Ailsa." On the beat to the Lysemon "Ailsa," keeping a more southerly course, passed the two leaders and rounded the beacon with a substantial lead, "Dione" being second. "Dione" improved her position on the run to the Kowloon rock and rounded first. The times of finish were

	h.	m.	s.
Dione	2	15	5
Vernon	2	15	35
Ailsa	2	15	43

"Ailsa" thus won a keenly contested race.

The marks in this class are now "Dione" 32; and "Vernon" and "Ailsa" 32 each. "Dione" wins the championship if she fails to start in the last race, as with two yachts competing the marks are three points for first and one for second.

In the One Design class a great struggle was witnessed between "Kathleen" (Officers R.E.) and "Colleen" (Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock), "Benita" (Mr. H. W. Bird) being the only other starter. "Colleen" led "Kathleen" round all the marks but the last one, the Kowloon Rock. Before reaching this "Kathleen," by a smart manoeuvre got the lead and won a very close race by the narrow margin of 25 seconds. Times.

	h.	m.	s.
Kathleen	2	39	25
Colleen	2	30	45
Benita	not timed		

"Kathleen" thus wins the first prize in her class, and "Colleen" the second.

HONGKONG CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB.

Elliot Cup Race for One Design and Handicap Classes.—The race for this Cup, presented by Mr. E. A. Elliot, was sailed over a course to Bokhara Rock Buoy and back, the Handicap class allowing the One Design three minutes per knot from the limit boat. This is the first time the two classes have been included in the same race, and it was generally thought that the handicap had rather a soft thing on, but the reverse turned out to be the case, the smaller boats finishing well within their time limit.

There was a fresh N.E. breeze blowing at the start and in anticipation of a still stronger wind outside all the handicap class had two reefs in, and three of the smaller boats one. The start was very good one, all the boats except "Tremona" (whose crew had not finished reefing) getting away together. On the beat to Cape Collinson the One Designs held their own, and at this point "Toinette" led the fleet from here to the Tathong rock. A nasty ground swell was met and the wind gradually dying away, the handicap class forced ahead. From Tathong to the Bokhara Rock the breeze freshened and the flood tide making, the swell gradually lessened at the mark. "Astro" led with "Cares," "Asthore," "Doreen," "Doris," "Ioan," "Ariel," "Toinette" and "Gael" in the order named. On the beat back to Collinson, the handicap increased their lead, and "Gael" passed all the One Designs except "Asthore." From here to the finishing line spinnakers were carried with the wind well ast and increasing considerably inside the pass, the boats finishing in the following times

	h.	m.	s.
Dorothy	3	6	5
Cares	3	15	50
Doreen	3	26	10
Asthore	3	35	20
Gael	3	49	53
Ioan	3	49	57
Doris	3	51	12
Ariel	3	52	21
Toinette	3	52	30
Tremona	not finish		
Spray			
Thecla			
Eva			
Fas			

Corrected times.

	h.	m.	s.
1 Asthore	2	47	33
2 Gael	3	02	16
3 Ioan	3	02	11
4 Doris	3	03	25
5 Ariel	3	04	33
6 Toinette	3	04	43
7 Dorothy	3	06	05
8 Cares	3	15	04
9 Doreen	3	25	02

"Asthore" thus winning the cup on her time allowance.

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The N.C. Daily News of Feb. 26th says:—We understand that the firm of Messrs. Bruce, Peebles & Co., Ltd. has gone into liquidation. It has been known for some time past that the firm has been suffering from undercapitalization, which has handicapped it in respect of the large contracts that it now has on hand. Although no definite information on the subject has reached Shanghai, it is presumed that no time will be lost in reconstructing the Company. Of course this temporary embarrassment will not affect local tramway construction or the fulfilment of other contracts in hand.

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[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

4th February.

AN IMPORTANT BOOK.

Herr Rudolf Martin whose books on the financial situation of Russia created considerable sensation at the time of their publication two or three years ago, has lately contributed an article to the "Zukunft" on "Preparedness for war and the present monetary crisis." After a careful examination of the cost of the Russo-Japanese war, and after comparing it with that incurred by Germany in her war with France in 1870/1 he comes to the conclusion that in bringing the former to a close gold was a more potent agent than the sword and that wars will in future become more and more costly and a question of finance. A nation that is not in a strong financial position should therefore exercise great reserve in its foreign policy; Germany for instance which is in the midst of a monetary crisis that may lead to more serious economic disturbances is ill prepared for war. Fortunately for her the crisis is an international one and not confined to this country but nowhere have its effects been felt more intensely. It therefore behoves us to inquire whether any blame attaches to her in this matter. A nation with so rapidly increasing a population and so great an expansion of commerce, industrial and agricultural enterprise, should not neglect to make timely provision for the growing need of capital and the question arises whether proper use has been made of the means at its disposal. The causes of the general scarcity of money are threefold: the collapse of Russia, over-speculation in the United States, and the decline in the value of Transvaal securities.

If Germany had declined to accommodate Russia in 1903 and 1905—she would now have 900 millions more at her disposal and if in her stead France had felt bound to furnish the amount, her financial preparations for war would at present be so much impaired.

PARLIAMENTARY NOTES BY MAIL.

THE OPIUM TRADE.

Captain Craig (Down, E.) asked the Secretary of State for India what steps the Government had taken to give effect to the unanimous vote of this House that the Indo-Chinese opium trade is morally indefensible and requesting the Government to take steps for bringing it to a speedy close.

Mr. Morley (Montrose Burghs).—On July 29 last, in reply to a question in this House, I explained the proposals which his Majesty's Government had communicated to the Chinese Government for carrying out, in co-operation with that Government, the policy of restriction.

I am glad to say that the Chinese Government have accepted with expressions of gratification our scheme for a progressive reduction of the export of opium from India. Papers on the subject will be laid on the table by my right hon. friend the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in the course of a few days.

Sir H. Cotton (Nottingham, E.) asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he was aware that, in accordance with the Chinese opium edict, all opium dens in the native city of Shanghai, to the number of 709, had been closed, and that no steps had been taken to close 1,860 opium dens in the international settlement, which was under the control of the Shanghai Municipal Council; and whether his Majesty's Government would adopt measures to ensure that the anti-opium campaign in China was not discouraged and thwarted by the reluctance of the municipal council to co-operate with the Chinese authorities.

Mr. Runciman.—The facts as regards the closing of the opium saloons in the native city of Shanghai and their retention in the international settlement, which was under the control of the Shanghai Municipal Council; and whether his Majesty's Government would adopt measures to ensure that the anti-opium campaign in China was not discouraged and thwarted by the reluctance of the municipal council to co-operate with the Chinese authorities.

In view of the fact that German Socialists persistently profess their belief in peaceful methods, and remember that they are accepted, so to speak, as models by Socialists in other countries, their demonstration of sympathy for the assassins of King Carlos and Prince Louis Philippe. The German Socialists walked out of the Reichstag, while the French Chamber was a scene of indescribable confusion.

In the first place, I will call your attention to the fact that within three months after the registration of the company actual work was in progress, which for a new concern is almost a record. Very unfortunately for the company Mr. McGregor Smith, senior, died in Hongkong before any work in bulk could be put through. He had planned to return from Hongkong in order to start the works and see the scheme through to a success. We were, therefore, deprived of his experience and thrown back upon our own resources. When we came to actual operation, we found that it was necessary to modify many of the mechanical appliances, and a considerable amount of time has been occupied in making experiments as to the best method of handling the fibre in bulk. Many of the difficulties have been surmounted, while others are in a fair way of being solved. As regards the percentage of loss and cost of treatment, the works manager is of an opinion that, after the factory has run under ordinary working conditions at least six months, treating various qualities of grass from different districts, the above points will be settled with definite precision and the exact rate ascertained. From the fibre already treated the indications point favourably to results being as already stated in the prospectus of the company.

Count Stolberg, in opening the sitting, said:—

"As you all know, a terrible crime, unprecedented in history, was perpetrated in Lisbon on Saturday, whereby two fine men, the father and the King and Crown Prince of Portugal, were swept out of existence.

"The nation with which we live in friendship is plunged into the deepest mourning. You have risen from your seats to indicate your sincere sympathy and righteous indignation. I record this officially."

Before Count Stolberg had concluded his first sentence, and as soon as the trend of his address became evident, forty Socialist deputies rose one man and left the Chamber.

They were headed by Herr Boba, the aged leader of the party, and Herr Singer, his chief lieutenant.

As soon as Count Stolberg had concluded, and ordinary business began, the Socialist deputies walked in again and took their seats. Their demonstration of sympathy with the Lisbon assassins constitutes an overwhelming indictment of Socialism, which thus stands condemned by its chosen exponents."

Mr. Churchill (Manchester, N.W.)—The hon. member's figures are correct. There has been great demand for land for the purpose of planting rubber. Land may be alienated and without auction, but mining land is almost invariably put up to auction. In such cases a deposit is fixed by the lessee, and for payment of the rent, the lessee may be required to pay a sum which is periodically reviewed at intervals of 3 years. Mining land is granted on lease for a term of years and not for ever.

For further details I would refer the hon. member to the Land and Mining Enactments of the Federated Malay States, which will be found in the library of this House.

The Secretary of State sees no reason at present for altering the system which is understood to work well and has attracted much-needed capital to the Federated Malay States.

Paris, February 3rd.

The Socialists in the Chamber of Deputies gave a remarkable demonstration in support of the assassins of King Carlos and the Crown Prince of Portugal this morning.

When the Chamber met, M. Pichon, Minister for Foreign Affairs, rose, and in asking his colleagues to join with him in a message of condolence to the Queen of Portugal and to the young King made use of the phrase, "The murder can find no excuse in any French heart."

At these words M. Sembat, one of the Socialist members, rose in his seat, and shouted,

"It was brought about by the dictatorship."

The Chamber was immediately in an uproar. Socialist members shrieked insults, members of the Liberal party and the Right retorted indignantly, and shook their fists in their opponents' faces.

M. Sembat, who has a powerful voice, made it heard above the tumult, and again said:

"Yes, the cause of the murder was an absolutely inexcusable dictatorship." He then asked leave to speak, but the President of the Chamber refused, and a remark from the Centre that not even a Socialist had a right to glorify a murder raised another storm of excitement.

M. Pichon finally succeeded in obtaining silence, and was loudly applauded when he exclaimed, "Allow me to say, if only for the sake of this Parliament's honourable name, that we are unanimous in our horror and abomination of this murder. The Government has sent its condolences to Queen Amelia and the royal family, and I feel certain that in so doing they have expressed the feelings both of the country and of the Chamber."

Even after this dignified speech and the applause which greeted it, the uproar and the interruption on the Socialist benches continued.

One deputy shrieked out that King Carlos and his son were "nothing but bourgeois" after all, and another distinguished himself by the remark that King Carlos died the victim of an "accident of labour."

Seven Socialist deputies laid on the table an amendment to M. Pichon's motion, worded as follows:—

"The Chamber of Deputies expresses its Republican sympathy with the Portuguese Republic, and sends its best wishes for the establishment of a régime of liberty."

DEPRECIATED SHARES.

Messrs. Goers & Co. in their annual circular for 1908 state the depreciation from December 1904 to December 1906 in the value of the shares of 163 South African mining, financial companies to have amounted to 28 million Marks of which one milliard may be safely put down to European account.

As to the crisis in the United States it must have been plain to everybody that over-speculation and over-capitalization, the natural outcome of the character of the people, could not go on for ever, but that the reaction should have been so great as to bring the market down to a great measure to the want of holding power in Western Europe.

Large amounts of American securities had been bought by the different countries at high prices and their own needs obliged them to part with just as the decline set in on the other side of the Atlantic.

It is estimated that Germany alone has lost no less than \$80 millions Marks in Russian bonds since 1903, 20 millions in Transvaal shares and 100 million in American securities or altogether 1,100 millions besides. Whom 500 millions have gone out of the country in payment of the Russian loan of 1905. Germany's purchasing power has thus been reduced by 1,600 millions whilst the losses incurred by England and France are probably considerably greater, there is little room for doubt therefore that the present precarious state of the money market, which may eventually end in a general economic crisis, is mainly attributable to these enormous losses.

If Germany had declined to accommodate Russia in 1903 and 1905—she would now have 900 millions more at her disposal and if in her stead France had felt bound to furnish the amount, her financial preparations for war would at present be so much impaired.

During his last stay at Windsor three years ago he was never happier than when out shooting in the Great Forest. He was surrounded by sportsmen, all of whom were fine shot, but he held his own with splendid skill and not infrequently two birds fell right and left to his gun. At the time when their Majesties were at Chatworth, King Carlos, in spite of the heavy snowfall, would not be denied the shooting in which he excelled.

Queen Amelia's beauty and grace made a lasting impression on all who saw her both on the occasion of the Royal visit and during her recent stay at Wood Norton for the Orleans wedding. One can well believe the story that the last King fell in love with her through seeing her portrait when as Crown Prince he was one day calling on the wife of the French Ambassador. "What a charming young lady," he exclaimed, as he looked at the photograph. "Yes," answered the Ambassador, "and she is as charming as she looks. She is the Princess Amelie of Orleans." The next day the Prince was on his way to London, and a fortnight later the Royal engagement was officially announced.

Fall of animal spirits, ready at any moment to throw off the etiquette that hedges round a monarch, King Carlos delighted in "a lark." It was at Chatworth that he took advantage of the snowfall to bombard his representatives at the English Court with snowballs. Those who saw the amusing incident will remember the laughter which greeted the Marquis de Soveral's astonishment as the pellets of Royal making fell thick and fast upon the ambassadorial back and shoulders. Hesitating at first whether he should retaliate, the Portuguese Minister was soon joining in the game with the most zest.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, **FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED**, **TO-DAY (TUESDAY)** the 3rd March, 1908, at 2.30 p.m., at their **SALES ROOMS**, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Des Vaux Street, **ONE COMPLETE SET OF "TIMES" ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA**. **35 Volumes—Cloth Binding in Good Condition—with Solid Teakwood Airtight Bookcase, AND A Quantity of Assorted BOOKS TERMS.—As usual.**

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NOTICE.

We have this day transferred the Hongkong Agency of the SOCIETE FRANCAISE DES CHARBONNAGES DU TONKIN to MONSIEUR E. BORNAND, the Company's Agent, Alexandra Buildings, JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD. Hongkong, 2nd March, 1908. 456

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I have this day taken over the Hongkong AGENCY of the SOCIETE FRANCAISE DES CHARBONNAGES DU TONKIN from Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty First ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the CITY HALL, on SATURDAY, the 11th March at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 14th March, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1908. 470

CHARTREUSE.

Copy of Legal Notice which appeared in the English Press on the 13th December, 1907.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the Eleventh day of December, 1907, in an action of Reo and others on behalf of themselves and all other Members of the Carthusian Order and others, against Leconin, George, Idi, Chapman and Company Limited, W. H. Garrett and La Compagnie Fermiere de la Grande Chartreuse, the Court of Appeal directed that the Plaintiffs were entitled to an injunction to restrain the Defendants, their Servants and Agents from using the word "Chartreuse" in connection with the sale of liqueurs other than those manufactured by the Plaintiffs as the name of or as descriptive of the liqueurs or without clearly distinguishing the liqueurs so sold from the liqueurs manufactured by the Plaintiffs, and an injunction to restrain the Defendants, their Servants and Agents from selling or offering for sale in this Country any liqueur or other liqueur not so manufactured in such a manner as to represent or lead to the belief that the liqueur or other liqueur manufactured or imported or sold by the Defendants is the manufacture of the Plaintiffs.

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Dated this 24th day of December, 1907.—

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THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mrs. W. DANEY, to Sell by Public Auction,

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Lot 23° 35' N Long 119° 50' E.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th inst., at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 7th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

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All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 9th March, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 9th March, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

J. MILLET, Agent.

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SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

SCIENCE ON MONT BLANC—HOW PLANTS ARE IMPROVING—STEEL "DIAMONDS" FOR DRILLING—NEW MARVELS OF BACTERIA—THE WORLD'S PATENTS—GERMANY'S BACKWARD CHILDREN—THE NEW CAMPHOR—STAR-DUST CLOUDS—QUARTZ LAMPS.

A unique monument to a French astronomer's daring ingenuity is that crowning the summit of Mont Blanc, at a height of 15,780 feet. The observatory of Prof. Janssen, finished in 1893, is a two-story truncated pyramid, with a base measuring 11 by 53 yards and double walls of wood and canvas, and the structure—weighing 50 tons—has no foundation except the permanent snowcap of the mountain, which is at least 12 yards thick. To guard against settling, a rigid sub base was provided, with jackscrews for levelling. The latest inspection has shown slight movement of the building, with practically no settling, and the success of the remarkable experiment has put to shame the prophets of disaster. The observatory is visited only at intervals of many months. It has a fine telescope, with a two-foot mirror for astronomical work; and a registering meteorograph automatically records the barometric pressure, temperature, humidity, and velocity and direction of the wind for periods of eight or nine months at a time. A meteorograph to give a continuous record for a much longer time is now being worked out.

As an illustration of how chemistry is aiding plant improvement, Prof. H. A. Wobber cites the production of beet sugar, which has grown from a hopeless beginning into one of the world's chief industries. For one ton of sugar, 18 tons of beets were required in 1836, but roots have been so developed by selection and analyses that only 7½ tons were necessary in 1894, and even less will suffice now. Of the 13,000,000 tons of sugar produced in the world in 1905, beets supplied 7,000,000 tons.

Steel shot so hard as to take the place of diamonds for some kind of drilling are made by spraying molten steel into cold water, chilling it instantly.

When a glass cylinder of pond water with a wisp of pressed hay at the bottom is placed in sunshine for a few weeks, a reddish-violet deposit begins at the bottom and slowly extends upward. This deposit is made of purple bacteria, which grow best when a film of oil on the water keeps out air, and are specially remarkable for requiring much light and little oxygen. In a recent study of both moving and inert organisms of this kind, Prof. H. Mollisch has found that if a colony of an active species is placed on a microscope slide in strong light, the bacteria scatter in all directions when the observer places on the center of the slide a single alga—about 1/50 of an inch in diameter—from the green deposit on trees. Brought into the shade, the bacteria fill the center of the slide within half a minute. The repulsion is due to exhaustion of an infinitesimal amount of oxygen by the alga in sunlight, and serves as an extremely delicate test for traces of oxygen far too minute for chemical detection. The sensitivity to light as well as oxygen is marvelous. Corkscrew-shaped bacteria brought under a magnifying power of 300 diameters are seen to rotate and dart to and fro in strong light, but cutting off the illumination for a fraction of a second causes a frantic and astonishing reversal of motion.

The total number of patents taken out in the world since the beginning of patent laws is found by A. Fitch, from French statistics, to reach 2,500,000, of which 2,200,000 have been granted in the last fifty years. The government fees have amounted to \$146,000,000, of which the United States has received \$86,000,000; but publication, legal study, etc., bring the cost up to at least \$4,000,000,000. Unsuccessful inventions have probably brought a loss of \$3,500,000,000. Losses from infringements, suits, promoters, etc., are estimated to have reached \$15,000,000,000 in sixty years, and 90 per cent. of patentees have reaped little profit.

Special schools for backward pupils now exist in 116 German cities. Berlin has 31 of the 263 schools, and the total number of pupils enrolled is not less than 13,100.

Synthetic camphor, the production of which has been a problem among chemists for many years, seems to be at last a commercial product, but the high price of turpentine oil may prevent it from coming quickly into use. At least four processes have been devised for making this product from pine, which forms seven per cent. of turpentine oil. By chemical treatment and oxidation, the pinene is given the chemical structure and chemical properties of the natural camphor, but with different reaction in polarized light and somewhat less fragrance. About ninety per cent. of the world's camphor is used for making celluloid, for which the synthetic material is claimed to be perfectly suitable.

The visible trails left by meteors as they shoot across the sky have been investigated by Prof. C. C. Trowbridge, who concludes that they are clouds of self-luminous gas combined with very minute particles of meteoric dust. As these trains are usually seen at heights of 50 to 60 miles—seldom or never above 65 or below 45 miles—it appears that their formation must depend upon encountering a certain degree of atmospheric density or pressure. The trains are often visible for ten to twenty minutes, and usually contain a volume of several cubic miles.

The Cooper-Hewitt mercury vapor lamp is a large glass tube in which the vapor is made to glow by the passage of electric current. An important improvement is claimed by Dr. Kuch in the use of tubes of quartz, which can be made much smaller, give increased efficiency by permitting higher temperature, and after a

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THE "TATSU MARU."

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE SEIZURE—The following, according to the "Japan Mail," is the outline of a letter from Mr. Terumine, captain of the "Tatsu Maru," addressed to the Tatsuma firm of Kobe, the owner of the ship, which gives a detailed account of the seizure of the ship by Chinese warships at Macao.

The "Tatsu Maru" arrived at Macao a little before noon of the 5th instant. About half-past two in the afternoon a steam-boat of the Atake firm, the owner of her cargo, with clerks on board, came steaming toward the "Tatsu Maru" along with cargo-boats when suddenly four Chinese gunboats made their appearance and surrounded the steamer. They only allowed the clerks of the firm to go on board the steamer but forbade others approaching the ship. Meanwhile, a Chinese commander came on board and stated that though the steamer was in possession of the certificate issued by the Portuguese authorities at Macao the Chinese Government was informed that he was bound for Macao laden with a cargo of 134 cases of arms and ammunition, the consignee being Chinese and the commander had been ordered by the Totsai of Canton to stop the unloading of her cargo. At the same time two Customs officials and some twenty blue-jackets boarded the steamer. The commander also said that if the steamer was lying at anchor in Macao territorial waters he would not be in the capacity to make any objection whatever, but as long as she was at anchor in Chinese territorial waters the ship had to obey the command of the Chinese authorities. Now the Macao territorial water is limited extent and the depth very shallow, scarcely reaching two fathoms. So the steamer cast anchor at Macao anchorage, pointed out in the chart, which, however, the Chinese insisted to be Chinese territorial waters. The steamer having a draft of more than 23 ft. and being laden to the full could not make for the shore any nearer beyond the present station which measured four fathoms. It was no less impossible for her to go in Macao territorial waters, only two fathoms in depth. Though the captain was desirous of negotiating with the consignees no steam-boat would dare to approach the ship apparently for fear of the Chinese warships. There were more than ten passengers on board the steamer, who on account of the delayed arrival were in want of provisions. They were anxious to make land for the purchase of provisions but the Chinese would not permit them to launch a boat and so they could do nothing in such circumstances. No objection whatever would be listened to by the Chinese and should the steamer dare to weigh anchor or disobey their command the Chinese threatened to send her to the bottom in an instant. Under the situation the captain came to the final conclusion to follow the Chinese to Canton. According to the commander the Chinese authorities were informed from Kobs prior to the departure of the "Tatsu Maru" that the steamer would unload those arms and ammunition at Macao which were to go to the bands of the native revolutionists through a Chinese merchant. It was surprising to note that the commander was informed of the particulars relating the contract between the consignee and the owner of the steamer.

According to a further report the arms and ammunition on board the "Tatsu Maru" were to be purchased by the Kuang Ho, a large Chinese firm dealing in arms and ammunition, and a few other Chinese firms in Macao. It is not seldom the case that articles of war are imported there from Japan. When any steamer laden with arms and ammunition arrived at the port the Macao authorities would dispatch a warship under whose surveillance the cargo had to be removed to boats stored in the warehouses belonging to the authorities for a time during which the authorities would make full investigations as to the purchasers of the cargo and then deliver that despite the fact that the "Tatsu Maru" went through the proper procedure the Chinese authorities unlawfully seized the steamer and supposed to be owing to the secret information of some Chinese merchants in Japan who happened to witness the steamer taking in her cargo for Hongkong as Kobs mistook the arms and ammunition for smuggled articles.

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ARRIVALS.
CARL DIEDERICHSSEN, German str., 774, T. Kayes, 2nd March—Haiphong 28th Feb. and Hethow 1st March, Rice. Hobson & Co. COURTFIELD, British str., 2,374, Wimman, 2nd March—Chingwanta 25th Feb. General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

ERNEST SIMONS, French str., 2,890, R. Gerard, 2nd March—Shanghai 28th Feb. General—Messageries Maritimes.

ER. Norwegian str., 861, C. Waple, 1st March—Flushing 25th Feb. Salt-Wallem & Co. FUKUSHI MARU, Japanese str., 1,930, T. Ito, 2nd March—Swatow 1st March, General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

HELMING, German str., 1,553, J. Sach, 2nd March—Seigun 27th Feb. Rice—Stromers & Co. JUMI, Japanese cruiser, 2,400, Yamachi, 2nd March—Shanghai 26th February.

KAWACHI MARU, Japanese str., 3,782, H. Petersen, 2nd March—Kobe and Shanghai 28th Feb. General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

KYUNISHI, German str., 648, D. Hank, 2nd March—Swatow 1st March, Ballast—Johnson & Co.

KYOTO MARU, Japanese str., 1,639, 2nd March—Moji 23rd Feb. Coal—Wallem & Co.

PITANJUK, German str., 2,377, D. Reimers, 2nd March—Saigon 20th February, General—Kie, Flut & Paddy—Butterfield & Swire.

POLYNESIEN, French str., 3,543, Broc, 2nd March—Marseilles—Pohang 2nd and Saigon 23rd. Mail and General—Messageries Maritimes.

STANDARD, Norwegian str., 894, H. N. Bull, 1st March—Saigon 24th February, Rice and General—Wallem & Co.

TAIYUAN, British str., 1,459, Dawson, 2nd March—Sydney Feb. 8th, via Manila 29th. General—Butterfield & Swire.

WONGKOK, German str., 1,115, W. Roper, 29th February—Bangkok February 16th, and Kuching 22nd. General and Rice—Butterfield & Swire.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
2nd March.

Borneo, British str., for Shanghai.

Ernest Simon, French str., for Europe, & Hail, British str., for Coast Ports.

Kniberg, German str., for K. C. Wair.

Sib, British str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

2nd March.
AJAX, British str., for Shanghai.

FRI, Norwegian str., for Macao.

KWANG-KEE, Chinese str., for Canton.

POLYNESIEN, French str., for Shanghai.

TRANQUHAR, Danish str., for Shanghai.

WAKAMATSU MARU, Jap. str., for Nagasaki.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

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LONDON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG...	MONS-GUTHRIE	Brit. str.	—	W. R. Hickey	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	About 1st inst.
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MAHILLIERS, AC. V. C. PORTS OF CALL...	ERNEST SIMONS	Fr. str.	—	H. Petersen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.	To-day, at 1 P.M.
MARSELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &C.	KAWACHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. J. G. Parsons	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.	To-morrow at Daylight.
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VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE, WASH. &C.	YU MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	SEA PORTS.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
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